INTRODUCING THE
ECCT REGION MISSIONARIES

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) has hired six people to serve as the inaugural ECCT Region Missionaries, one each for the six geographic Regions. These include:

- **Northeast Region**       Maggie Breen
- **North Central Region**   Erin Flinn
- **Northwest Region**       Eliza Marth
- **Southwest Region**       The Rev. Carlos de la Torre
- **South Central Region**   The Rev. Rachel Field
- **Southeast Region**       The Rev. Rachel Thomas

Although each Region is unique, each Region Missionary’s core task is the same: “To challenge the Episcopal parishes and worshiping communities to expand their reach into local neighborhoods by collaboration with potential community partners—from other faith-based institutions to social service organizations to government agencies.”

For more information about Regions, Region Missionaries, and Ministry Networks, contact Gigi Leackfeldt in the office of the Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp, Canon for Mission Collaboration, at gleackfeldt@episcopalct.org or 203-639-3501, ext. 136.

For the full announcement about the Region Missionaries visit episcopalct.org/News
By virtue of our baptism we all are called to participate in God’s mission — restoring all people and the world to God in Christ (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 854) and engaging the Spirit’s regenerative power to reconcile differences and “…making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). The Region Missionary will serve parishes and worshiping communities by assisting Episcopalians in Connecticut to live our baptismal call to God’s mission in four ways, namely to:

1. **Catalyze** — with imagination, innovation, and ideas — to unite parishes, worshiping communities, and Ministry Networks in service to God’s mission within the Region and across ECCT.

2. **Convene** — as a host, to gather people, share ideas, and build momentum within the Region and its various communities and throughout ECCT.

3. **Connect** — Ministry Networks, parishes, and worshipping communities to build an awareness of and appreciation for collaboration in all aspects of life and ministry across the Region.

4. **Expand Capabilities** — with a particular focus on lay leadership — through the sacred practices of prayer, discernment, trying on missional experiments, and growing as disciples (formed) and apostles (sent) to fully engage God’s mission.

The role and ministry of the Region Missionary is to challenge parishes and worshiping communities to expand their reach into local neighborhoods by collaborating with potential community partners — from other faith-based institutions to social service organizations to government agencies. It is expected that the Region Missionaries will work together as a close-knit team, upholding each other in prayer, shared retreats, and other spiritual/wisdom practices.

The Region Missionary reports to the Bishop Diocesan and is directly managed by the Canon for Mission Collaboration. Quarterly goals shall be established and an annual job performance review conducted. In addition, the Region Missionary, with colleagues from the Region, will participate in an annual Mutual Ministry Review with the Bishop Diocesan, facilitated by the Canon for Mission Collaboration.
The parishes and worshiping communities in the **Northeast Region** include:

St. George’s, Bolton  
Grace, Broad Brook  
Trinity, Brooklyn  
St. Alban’s, Danielson  
St. John’s, East Hartford  
All Saints’, East Hartford  
St. John’s, East Windsor  
Holy Trinity, Enfield  
St. James’, Glastonbury  
St. Peter’s, Hebron  
St. Mary’s, Manchester  
St. Paul’s, Plainfield  
Christ Church, Pomfret  
St. Philip’s, Putnam  
St. Peter’s, South Windsor  
Grace, Stafford Springs  
St. Mark’s, Storrs  
St. John’s, Vernon  
St. Paul’s, Willimantic  
St. Paul’s, Windham Center
I am excited and blessed to have the opportunity to serve as the NE Regional Missionary. I am looking forward to joining with all of your efforts to spread the love of Jesus throughout our communities; together we can bring about great things. I can’t wait to start!

I’ve been involved in the Episcopal Church since the cradle, though my relationship with God has blossomed in the past nine years or so as my commitment to Him and my home parish, St. Paul’s Windham Center, has deepened. I live on a tiny farm in Chaplin with my husband Michael, our dog Shirley, and a small flock of sheep — three Shetland ewes and a Gulf Coast Native ram. I received my bachelor’s degree in music education and deeply enjoy my time spent in performance and rehearsal; my husband and I both perform in the Windham Concert Band and the ECSU Concert band, and I am a member of Take Note! an a capella singing group. My past work experiences have found me in such settings as public schools, hospitals and financial institutions. In the time reserved for leisure activities, I enjoy cooking, knitting, reading and walking. I’m excited about starting this new chapter with ECCT.
The parishes and worshiping communities in the **North Central Region** include:

- St. Stephen’s, Bloomfield
- Old St. Andrew’s, Bloomfield
- St. John’s, Bristol
- Trinity, Collinville
- St. Gabriel’s, East Berlin
- Epiphany, Durham
- St. James’, Farmington
- Grace, Hartford
- St. Monica’s, Hartford
- Good Shepherd, Hartford
- St. Martin’s, Hartford
- Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
- Trinity, Hartford
- Trinity College Chapel, Hartford
- St. James’, Higganum
- Emmanuel, Killingworth
- The Commons, Meriden
- Todos los Santos, Meriden
- St. Andrew’s, Meriden
- Christ Church, Middle Haddam
- Holy Trinity, Middletown
- St. Mark’s, New Britain
- Grace, Newington
- St. Andrew’s, Northford
- Our Saviour, Plainville
- Trinity, Portland
- St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill
- St. Alban’s, Simsbury
- St. Luke’s, South Glastonbury
- St. Paul’s, Southington
- Trinity, Tariffville
- St. Paul’s Mission for the Deaf, West Hartford
- St. John’s, West Hartford
- St. James’s, West Hartford
- Trinity, Wethersfield
- Grace, Windsor
I’m thrilled to be joining the ECCT Regional Missionary team, and am looking forward to collaborating with a team to imagine a new way of living out God’s mission in Connecticut by connecting worshiping communities to each other and beyond.

I will be graduating from Yale Divinity School with a Master of Divinity this May. Over the past three years I have been immersed in Anglican studies and college chaplaincy. Most recently I was the Program Director for the Episcopal Church at Yale. Prior to seminary, I worked in university administration at Northwestern University, but my background is in theatre production and I worked for the Lyric Opera of Chicago as the Assistant Lighting Designer for four years. I am originally from New Hampshire, and I am delighted to be remaining in New England, and settling into the North Central Region with my husband and our giant Newfoundland dog. I am especially passionate about ministry that looks outward and is open to all people, young adult ministry, and fishing.
The parishes and worshiping communities in the Northwest Region include:

St. Paul’s, Bantam
Christ Church, Bethlehem
St. Mark’s, Bridgewater
St. Paul’s, Brookfield
St. Andrew’s, Kent
Trinity, Lime Rock
St. Michael’s, Litchfield
St. Andrew’s, Marble Dale
St. George’s, Middlebury
Trinity, Milton
Camp Washington, Morris
St. John’s, New Milford
Transfiguration, Norfolk
All Saints, North Cornwall
All Saints, Oakville

St. John’s, Pine Meadow
Christ Church, Roxbury
St. John’s, Salisbury
Christ Church, Sharon
Epiphany, Southbury
St. Peter’s/Trinity, Thomaston
Trinity, Torrington
St. John’s, Washington
Christ Church, Waterbury
St. John’s, Waterbury
Christ Church, Watertown
St. James, Winsted
All Saints’, Wolcott
St. Paul’s, Woodbury
I am thrilled to be serving the beautiful Northwest Region! If the Region is the Body of Christ, as Region Missionary I hope to strengthen the circulatory system so that with connection and collaboration, we may maximize participation in God’s mission.

I hail from the magnificent mountains of North Carolina by way of the Chicago area. I graduated from Carolina State University with a BA in sociology, and was heavily involved in the Episcopal Campus Ministry there. I then worked for two years with the unemployed and homeless in Washington, D.C. followed by a year spent on small-scale, diversified vegetable and livestock farms. The last two years I’ve lived and worked in Boston with an Episcopal Service Corps program called Life Together. At St. Paul’s, Brookline Mass. I have supported lay leadership, enhanced communication systems, and fallen deeper in love with my Episcopal community.

I was born into the Episcopal Church, so it is with deep joy that I come to Connecticut to continue serving my community in this new role. In my free time, I love spending time with friends, cooking rich foods, and writing in my journal.
The parishes and worshiping communities in the **Southwest Region** include:

- St. Thomas, Bethel
- Calvary-St. George’s, Bridgeport
- St. Mark’s, Bridgeport
- San Lucas y San Pablo, Bridgeport
- St. John’s, Bridgeport
- St. James, Danbury
- St. Paul’s, Darien
- St. Luke’s, Darien
- Christ’s, Easton
- Trinity St. Michael’s, Fairfield
- St. Timothy’s, Fairfield
- St. Paul’s, Fairfield
- St. Barnabas, Greenwich
- Christ Church, Greenwich
- St. Paul’s, Huntington
- St. Peter’s, Monroe
- St. Mark’s, New Canaan
- Trinity, Newtown
- Christ Church, East Norwalk
- St. Paul’s, Norwalk
- St. Saviour’s, Old Greenwich
- Christ Church, Redding
- St. Stephen’s, Ridgefield
- St. Paul’s, Riverside
- Good Shepherd, Shelton
- Christ the Healer, Stamford
- Eglise De L’Epiphanie, Stamford
- Iglesia Betania, Stamford
- St. Andrew’s, Stamford
- St. Francis, Stamford
- St. John’s, Stamford
- Christ Church, Stratford
- Christ Church, Tashua
- Grace, Trumbull
- Trinity, Trumbull
- Emmanuel, Weston
- Christ and Holy Trinity, Westport
- St. Matthew’s, Wilton
- Trinity, Southport
I’m excited to work together on collaborative projects and initiatives in the Southwest Region. The wealth of knowledge and resources are abundant in our region but so are the challenges. I look forward to gathering as body to further engage God’s mission and continue to serve God and God’s people in our parishes, our region, and the world.

I am a priest in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. A native of Peru, I was raised in Westchester County, N.Y. In 2012, I graduated from Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y, where I majored in philosophy and world religions. That same year, I began a master’s program at Virginia Seminary, Alexandria, VA. In 2015, I graduated from Virginia Seminary and was ordained a priest on the Feast of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary. I have worked with parishes and community agencies in Yonkers, N.Y; Houston, TX; Alexandria, VA; Washington D.C; and in Stamford and New Haven, CT. Currently I serve as a missional curate in ECCT working with parishes, agencies, and community members to engage God’s mission in new and creative ways.
The parishes and worshiping communities in the South Central Region include:

Christ Church, Ansonia
Christ Church, Bethany
Trinity, Branford
St. Peter’s, Cheshire
Immanuel St. James’, Derby
St. Andrew’s, Devon (Milford)
Christ & The Epiphany, East Haven
St. James’, Fair Haven (New Haven)
Christ Church, Guilford
Grace & St. Peter’s, Hamden
St. Peter’s, Milford
St. Michael’s, Naugatuck
Christ Church, New Haven
St. John’s, New Haven
St. Luke’s, New Haven
St. Thomas’, New Haven

St. Paul and St. James, New Haven
Episcopal Church at Yale, New Haven
Trinity, New Haven
Zion, North Branford
St. John’s, North Guilford
St. John’s, North Haven
Good Shepherd, Orange
St. Peter’s, Oxford
Christ Church Quaker Farms, Oxford
Trinity, Seymour
St. Paul’s, Wallingford
Holy Spirit, West Haven
St. John’s, Yalesville
I am delighted to return to the South Central region of Connecticut to support and encourage the ways in which you are listening for and following God’s mission of love for the world.

I am first and foremost a beloved child of God, as are you. I was working as a research biologist and environmental educator on the Eastern Shore of Maryland before pursuing ordination and attending Yale Divinity School (class of 2016). In this current time of ecological crisis I am moved by the invitation of Jesus to “love your neighbor” and to imagine how our liturgy can further incorporate Creation as our beloved neighbor. When I am not spending time in or around churches I can be found hiking with my energetic dog Frodo, birding, gardening, playing my Appalachian dulcimer, or baking (anything involving chocolate).
The parishes and worshiping communities in the **Southeast Region** include:

Holy Advent, Clinton  
St. Stephen’s, East Haddam  
St. John’s, Essex  
St. Mary’s Chapel, Fenwick  
St. David’s, Gales Ferry  
All Saints’, Ivoryton  
St. Andrew’s, Madison  
St. Mark’s, Mystic  
St. James’, New London  
St. John’s, Niantic  
Christ Episcopal Church, Norwich  
St. Ann’s, Old Lyme  
Grace, Old Saybrook  
St. James’, Poquettanuck  
Calvary, Stonington  
St. Paul’s, Westbrook  
Grace, Yantic
I am honored to be serving as the new SE Region Missionary. I love this region. I know God’s mission is too big for any one of us, and have found great joy in sharing it with others.

Seeking God and God’s path for my life has led me from Georgia to Connecticut; from being a Methodist to becoming an Episcopalian; from recreational ministry to campus ministry, to parish ministry and interim ministry. Along the way, I received three different graduate degrees, and was ordained into the priesthood (in 1991). God’s continual creating Spirit always amazes and humbles me. My husband Eric is a dermatologist with a practice in Middletown. A gift to me, as I love beaches and sitting in the sun. I also enjoy swimming, cycling, and walking our Brittany Spaniel, Coleman. Whenever we can, we see Eric’s three grown children and three grandchildren, who live in Manhattan, Brooklyn (NY) and Southington, CT. Eric and I live in Deep River.